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TO AMEMBASSY LILONGWE
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NAIROBI FOR RSO AND RMO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:ASEC, AMSG

SUBJECT: SECURITY POSTURE OF OVERSEAS POSTS

1. DEPARTMENT IS FORMULATING PROJECTED MSG REQUIREMENTS
FOR NEXT TWO YEAR PERIOD. IN DOING SO, IT IS REVIEWING
LIST OF POSTS, THAT FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, OPPOSED THE
ASSIGNMENT OF MARINES IN THE PAST.

2. IN DECEMBER 1973, THE POST REPORTED THE FOLLOWING IN
BLANTYRE 1752:

"MALAWI MAINTAINS FOR ITS OWN REASONS TIGHT INTERNAL
SECURITY AND BORDER CONTROL MEASURES. ARABS ARE NOT PER-
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MITTED TO ENTER THE COUNTRY AND CITIZENS OF COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. INTERNAL
POLITICAL SITUATION IS TRANQUIL AND GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
WELL DISPOSED TO U.S. POLICE FORCE IS EFFICIENT AND
ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN EFFECT FOR PROMPT ADDITIONAL PROTECTION
TO EMBASSY IN CASE OF NEED. MALAWI'S STRONG ANTI-TERRORIST
ATTITUDE IS WELL KNOWN AND SHOULD SERVE AS DETERRENT.

"REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ASSIGN MSG COULD BE MISUNDER-
STOOD BY GOM AND CAUSE COMPLICATIONS IN OUR RELATIONS. GOM

WOULD JUDGE NATURE OF THREAT IN MALAWI DOES NOT WARRANT
SUCH ACTION. IN ADDITION, THERE WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT
ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS MAGNIFIED BY START OF IN-STAGES
MOVE TO LILONGWE."

3. DEPARTMENT THINKING IS THAT POLITICAL SITUATION WILL
ALTER WHEN PRESIDENT BANDA DEPARTS SCENE; AND EMBASSY
MIGHT FIND ITSELF IN A POSITION OF WANTING MARINES BUT
WITH LITTLE HOPE OF OBTAINING HOST GOVERNMENT APPROVAL
FROM NEW REGIME.

4. IN THIS LIGHT, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PRESENT
EMBASSY ASSESSMENT.
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